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Joseph F. Murphy

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed 4/13/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 10, 57-58, 61-65 renumbered as 8, 1-2, 3-7, 9-22.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 09/27/2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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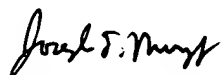
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 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
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4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


JOSEPH MURPHY
PATENT EXAMINER

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Teresa Bittenbender on July 25, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Specification:

On page 1, please delete lines 4-12 and replace with:

This application is a CIP of 09/400,492, filed on September 21, 1999, a CIP of 09/350,874, filed on July 9, 1999, a CIP of PCT/US99/27428, filed on November 19, 1999, and a CIP of 09/399,913, filed on September 21, 1999, now Patent No. 6,361,971, which is a CIP of 09/350,614, filed on July 9, 1999, now Patent No. 6,689,581, which is a CIP of 09/298,731, filed on April 23, 1999, now Patent No. 6,369,197, and which claims priority to U.S. Provisional applications 60/109,333, filed on November 20, 1998, 60/110,033, filed on November 25, 1998, and 60/110,277, filed November 30, 1998.

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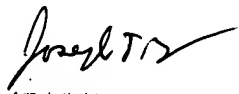
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joseph Murphy whose telephone number is (571) 272-0877. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday from 7:30 am to 5:00 pm. A message may be left on the examiner's voice mail service. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Anthony Caputa, can be reached on (571) 272-0829.

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